According to a ruling of Speaker of the House of Commons a Member of Parliament is not free from criticisms. As far as question of privilege was concerned what he had to consider was "is it going to interfere with the execution of his proper duties. A misinformed criticism was not going to deter Member from performing his duties as a Member of Parliament". Mere criticism however strongly worded it may be, does not amount a breach of Privilege. Fair comment on Parliamentary conduct of Members also has been held to be not amounting to a Breach of Privilege.

A long chain of rulings in the House of Commnsm and Lok Sabha indicate that general remarks are not treated as breach of Privilege unless there is an obstruction to the Member in the discharge of their duties or other *malafide* motives are imputed to the Members.

A statement of late Sri C. Rajagopalachari about the Members of Legislature that they were such people that any first Class Magistrate would route them up was not held to be breach af Privilege in Lok Sabha. A statement in the London Times that certain members draw their living from the steady perpetration of crimes for which Civil is alien demands the gellows was not considered to be a breach of Privilege by the house of Commons. In the light of the precedents stated above, I do not think any intervention of the House is necessary in the matter raised by the Members by starting Privilege proceedings against Sri Govind Bhat for his reported speech.

As a Presiding Officer, it is not for me to agree or disagree with the observations of Sri Govind Bhat on the Karnataka Land Reforms Act while the Members may express their strang indignation at what has been stated by him. For me, suffice it to say that the remarks do not call for a motion of breach of Privilege. The matter is treated as closed.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

re : Situation Prevailing in the Hattimattur Village assault on Sri Siddanagouda patil, Ex-Police Patel.

SRI M.M. NADAF.—Sir, I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the tence situation prevailing in the Hattimattur village of Savanur taluk due to assaunt on Sri Siddanagouda Patil, Ex-Police Patel.

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister)—I wish to make the following statement :

One Shiddanagouda Gadigeppagowda Patil, Ex-Police Patel appeared before Police Sub-Inspector Savanur and gave his oral statement which was reduced into writing and a case under Sec. 143, 147, 148, 325, 323, I.P.C. was registered at Savanur Police Station Cr. No. 26/80. The brief facts of the case are that on 3-3-80 at 2215 hours the accused persons Veerappa Basalingappa Bolakatti and 11 others of Hattimattur village assaulted the complainant and Veerappa Gangappa Koliwad and Basappa Veerappa Koliwad both of Hattimattur village with sticks and hands as soon as the complainant got down from Savanur Bus at Hattimattur Bus Stand. As a result, the complainant sustained head injuries, while other two sustained minor injuries. Police Sub Inspector visited the village Hattimattur on the very night, arrested all the 12 accused persons on 4-3-80 and produced them before the J.M.F.C., Savanur on 5-3-80 who released them on bail.

There is a counter complaint from the accused Veerappa B. Bolakatti against the Ex-Police Patel Shri S.G. Patil and 2 others registered on 4-3-80 at 0315 hours at Savanur Police Station Cr. No. 27/80 under section 143, 147, 149, 451, 323. 504, 506 I P.C. The brief facts of this counter complaint are that Veerappa Fakirappa Ullagaddi and 8 others all of Hattimattur village tresspassed into the house of the camplainant and assaulted him causing bodily pain and further they threatened him with dire consequences. This case was registered by SHO. HC. 1406 B.S. Abbigeri. C.P.I. Shiggaon has taken up the investigation of this counter-case. The eye-witnesses in this case are not co-operating with the police in the investigation of the case. As a precautionery measure, action under section 107 Cr. P.C. has been taken against the members of both the parties vide Savanur Police Station Cr. No. 32/80 and 33/80. The case registered at Cr. Nos. 26/80 and 27/80 are under investigation for want of injury certificates. They will be charge sheeted early.

The motive for these occurences is the dispute even irrigating the lands from a well, coupled with the V.P.C. Election.

Veerappa Goneppa Koliwad (injured in Cr. No. 26/80) and Veerappa Basalingappa Bolikatti (Accused in Cr. No. 26/80) are the owners of adjoining lands in the limits of Hattimattur village. They are irrigating the lands from a well for growing betal-leaves. The water has to pass through the land of the injured Veerappa G. Koliwad to reach the lands of accused Veerappa B. Bolikatti. This dispute gained momentum after the elections to the V.P.C. were over in 1978, in which Veerappa Goneppa Bolikatti was defeated by the complainant in Cr. No. 26/80 (viz., S.G. Patil, Ex Police Patel).

The elders of the village however advised the parties and accordingly the parties compromised. Even after this compromise, Veerappa G. Koliwadi (injured in Cr. No. 26/80) continued to instigate others against the accused and used to harass him. At present there is no such tension in the village. Local Police have maintained a vigilant watch over their activities to prevent further breach of the peace. The C.P.I. Shiggaon also visited the village on 23-3-1980 and the situation was well under control. The case in Cr. No. 27/80 has been charge sheeted against the accused under C C. No. 170/80. Case of Cr. No. 26/80 is P.I. with C.P.I. Shiggaon for want of injury certificates.

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ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಂ. ನಡಾಫ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದನಗೌಡ ಪಾಟೀಲರಿಗೆ ಮರಣಾಂತಕ ಗಾಯಗಳಾಗಿದ್ದು ಮಿಕ್ಕವರಿಗೆ ಸಣ್ಣ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಗಾಯಗಳಾಗಿವೆ. ಈ ಪ್ರಕರಣದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಯೋಜಿತ ಸಿದ್ದತೆ ಇದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಸಬ್-ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಪೆಕ್ಟರ್ ಅವರು ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ ೩೦೭ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ವಿಚಾರವೇನೆಂದರೆ ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದನಗೌಡ ಪಾಟೀಲರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಂಥ ಕಂಪ್ಲೇಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಂಥ ಪುಡಾರಿಗಳು ಯಾರು ಪ್ರತ್ಯಕ್ಷವಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಿದ್ದರು ಅವರನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಆರೋಪ ಮಾಡಿ ತನಿಖಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಛಾರ್ಜ್‌ಷೀಟ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಿ.ಬಿ.ಡಿ. ತನಿಖೆ ಮಾಡಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ? ಈಗಲೂ ಸಿದ್ದನಗೌಡರಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಕ್ಷಿ ಪುರಾವೆಗಳನ್ನು ನಾಶಪಡಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್. ಗುಂಡೂರಾವ್.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೇ, ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಎತ್ತಿರುವ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಈಗ ಇವರು ಹೊಸ ವಿಚಾರ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ, ಈ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಶಾಂತಿಪಾಲನೆಗೆ ಏನು ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೋ ಅದನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

(*ii*) *re : Abnormal delay in establishing Canteen at Nippani Bus Stand.*

SRI G.K. TAKKED. (Parasgad)—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation to the abnormal delay in establishing canteen at Nippani Bus stand.

SRI M. M. J. SADYOJATHA (Minister for Transport and Minor Irrigation) Sir, I wish to make the following statement :

The Nippani Bus Stand has a well established Resfreshment Room (Canteen) for the last so many years catering to the needs of the travelling public. No norms in regard to licence fee have been fixed in respect of Commercial Establishments. The refreshment rooms and other stalls in the various bus stations of KSRTC constructed to provide various amenities to the travelling public are licenced to interested parties on tender basis once in three years. The highest valid tenderer is preferred as a licensee taking into consideration his